

DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN OTTAWA

Question No. 429—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Which countries where Canadian diplomatic missions are located have not reciprocated this arrangement with the establishment of their own mission in Ottawa?

2. Do any countries with diplomatic missions in Ottawa not have Canadian missions stationed within them and, if so (a) which ones (b) does the government have any plans to establish missions in these countries?

3. Is it intended to open a full-time office in Dacca for the use of officers of the Canadian mission accredited to Bangladesh and, if so, on what date?

Return tabled.

INCOME TAX RETURNS FILED BY FARMERS IN YEARS 1966 TO 1970

Question No. 550—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. How many farmers filed income tax returns in each province in the years 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970?

2. How many of the returns in each province recorded incomes of (a) less than \$2,500 (b) \$2,501-\$5,000 (c) \$5,001-\$7,250 (d) \$7,251-\$10,000 (e) \$10,001 and over for the years 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970?

3. What was the total amount of income tax collected from farmers in each province for the years 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970?

Return tabled.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I return once more to point out the failure of this government to answer starred questions and the delays which can only have resulted from an intention on the part of a minister to treat this House with contempt. I refer to questions Nos. 589 and 616, both of which concern the Department of the Solicitor General. This is not the first time I have had reason to complain about delays on the part of that minister who shows to this House an adamant disregard of the rights of Parliament and a contempt that cannot be justified in any way. Certainly inertia is not an explanation for refusal to answer these questions. I find it necessary at the same time to point out that unless starred questions are to be answered it is a ridiculous waste of time to mark them as starred questions, and that some action should be taken by this House to bring recalcitrant ministers to the realization that starred questions should be answered within three days.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, as a result of comments by the right hon. gentleman in the past I have looked into these matters. I know some work has been done and that in both instances the answers are very close to completion. Hopefully, we may be able to table them soon.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. Question No. 88 has been on the order paper since February 18 last and was on the order paper during most of the previous session of this Parliament. I have raised this matter on several occasions. It is a very simple question involving whether the government is going to re-establish or repair the walk around Parliament Hill previously known as lovers' lane. Apparently after two sessions of parliament the government cannot make up its mind on this question. One would think they would know by now what they are going to do, but apparently not.

Orders for Returns

An hon. Member: You don't use it.

An hon. Member: This is leap year.

Mr. Nesbitt: I might remind Your Honour that it is summertime and—you know!

An hon. Member: Explain!

Mr. Nesbitt: The second question is No. 557, also a very simple question inquiring about the amount of money paid for an alleged piece of art.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nesbitt: If nothing else, at least I have managed to put the House in good humour this afternoon. It involves something called "Klonos"—I am not sure whether that is a Greek word—and a very large sum of money was paid for it. It consists of eight pieces of fibreglass and I am wondering why—

• (1440)

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the parliamentary secretary might like to reply to the hon. member. I do not think it is necessary to make a long speech and bring to the attention of the parliamentary secretary that a question has not been answered. The parliamentary secretary may wish to reply.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, I have made a note of the numbers of the question and of the tremendous impact on the way of life of the Canadian people of the subject-matters therein contained. I will certainly direct attention to them right away.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for the production of papers No. 59 is acceptable to the government, subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the parliamentary secretary, is it the wish of the House that notice of motion No. 59 be deemed to have been adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 59—**Mr. Nielsen:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the financial statements of the Yukon Native Brotherhood for each fiscal year during which grants have been made to the Brotherhood by any department or agency of the government.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call notice of motion No. 11?